

MDCH Guidelines for the use of FLUMIST

- The State of Michigan Department of Community Health Order To Control Influenza Vaccinations (October 14, 2004) covers **all influenza vaccinations**, both inactivated Aventis (TIV/Fluzone®) product and the live, attenuated MedImmune (LAIV/FluMist®) product.
- Influenza vaccine should be conserved for use in the priority groups listed by the CDC recommendations and the MDCH Health Order.
- To conserve influenza vaccine manufactured by Aventis we strongly encourage the use of FluMist for vaccination of healthy health care workers, except for those health care workers caring for the severely immunocompromised (they should only receive the Aventis product). Examples of such severely immunocompromised conditions are burn patients in burn units, bone marrow transplant patients, and other conditions requiring special units for hospital care.
- Other candidates for the FluMist vaccine are healthy household members and out-of-home caregivers of infants under the age of 6 months (Children under the age of 6 months cannot be vaccinated).
- FluMist should be NOT be used in pregnant patients, or those with medical illness.
- FluMist should be used in healthy patients, aged 5-49 years.

References

MMWR Interim Influenza Vaccination Recommendations, 2004–05 Influenza Season:

“Intranasally administered, live, attenuated influenza vaccine, if available, should be encouraged for healthy persons who are aged 5–49 years and are not pregnant, including health-care workers (except those who care for severely immunocompromised patients in special care units) and persons caring for children aged <6 months.”

CDC website Updated Oct 14, 2004

Can some people in priority groups get LAIV?

”If available, vaccination with LAIV is an option for healthy persons aged 5-49 years. This group includes people who are caregivers of children less than 6 months of age and for health-care workers involved in direct patient care. If a health-care worker receives LAIV, that worker should refrain from contact with severely immunosuppressed patients requiring care in a protected environment for 7 days after vaccination.”

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/qa/0405season.htm>